A Knight's Promise

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It was Christmas time again, and this time, Team Rwby and Team Jnpr were going to spend it with the Arc Family. However, while everyone was excited, Jaune was a nervous wreck. The reason was that this was the day where he revealed his relationship with Neo to his friends. But also the day he proposes to Neo, AKA Trivia Vanille. Sequel to A Silent Knight and A Knight's Secret.

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"Are you okay, Jaune?" Pyrrha asked, worried as she noticed her friend and team leader nervously pacing back and forth.

"Yeah. Just a little nervous for later." Jaune answered as he tried to calm down but couldn't.

"It is completely fine to be nervous, Jaune. But you don't need to worry." Ren said, trying to calm the person he had come to see as a brother down.

"Yeah. We're only going to meet your family for the holidays with Team Rwby coming along." Nora said as she and Ren prepared their bags.

"It will be a great way to spend our last Christmas as Beacon students together." Pyrrha added with a smile.

"Yeah. But-" Jaune began but stopped when Nora placed her hand on Jaune's shoulder, with Ren and Pyrrha giving him reassuring smiles.

"Don't worry, Jaune. Everything will be fine. I'm sure your family and us will get along just great." Nora assured in an unusually calm tone.

"You're right. I'm probably just getting myself worked over nothing." Jaune said with a smile while putting his right hand into his pocket to ensure the small black box that was the actual cause of his nervousness was still there.

"Just relax, Jaune. Everything will be fine. And who knows? This year, there might not even be any chaos." Ren said with a straight face. But not even a second later, everyone laughed at that as they

knew where ever they went, chaos and destruction were to follow, especially when Team Rwby was there with them.

"You're right." Jaune said, relaxing slightly

"Now. Let's finish getting ready. The bullhead with my mom should be here soon, and we can't afford to be late." Pyrrha said. Nodding, everyone resumed packing their things for their week-long vacation at the Arc house.

Half an Hour Later

"Are you guys ready?" Ruby excitedly asked as she and the rest of her team exited their dorm.

"Of course. I can't wait to spend the week with our fearless leader's family." Nora answered as Pyrrha closed their team's dorm door.

"We already met Saphron, Terra, and Adrian. It would be nice to see the rest of Jaune's family as well as meet Pyrrha's mom." Ren added.

"I'm still surprised that you grew up with vomit boy, cereal girl." Yang said with fake shock. Despite it being nearly three and a half years since finding out, Yang and the others somehow managed to keep it a secret from Jaune.

"Which would explain a lot like how you both knew each other's hobbies." Blake added to cement further the lie that they only recently found out about Jaune and Pyrrha's shared past.

"And how we got along so quickly." Jaune said, smiling as he and Pyrrha wrapped an arm around each other's shoulders.

"It was certainly a surprise to see you here, Jaune. But I'm not complaining." Pyrrha said.

"It did let us catch up on whatever happened those few years." Jaune agreed.

"Anyway. We better get going since the bullhead's pilots just sent me a text saying they are about to arrive." Weiss said.

"Then we better get going." Ruby said.

"Oh. Before I forget." Yang said, turning to Jaune. "How's the temperature in your hometown, Jaune?"

"Yeah, you guys might need a light jacket since it's going to be a brisk -5 degrees Celcius." Jaune answered while Pyrrha smirked before adding.

"Huh. The temperature had risen since I was last there."

"WHAT!?" The other shouted, not expecting that answer. And their reactions were enough to send Pyrrha and Jaune over the edge and laugh for a solid minute.

"Yeah. The temperature in my hometown is pretty cold, even by the Atlas Kingdom's standards." Jaune said as he composed himself.

"So you better get some very heavy winter coats." Pyrrha added as she wiped a tear from her face.

"Uh. How long until the bullhead arrives, Weiss?" Blake asked.

"About twenty minutes." Weiss answered.

"Then I think we should use that time to pack some extra heavy clothes and jackets." Ren said.

"Right." Everyone else said before disappearing inside their dorms.

"So, how's Athena been doing?" Jaune asked, turning to Pyrrha.

"Mom's been doing fine. A little annoyed at times by my sponsors, but overall, she's alright. She's actually looking forward to this since it has been a few years since we've all been together." Pyrrha answered.

"That's good. Oh. How's that guy you've been seeing?"

"Oh, you mean Morado?"

"Yeah, him."

"We broke up. It wasn't working out."

"What happened?" Jaune asked, feeling his brotherly instinct kick in.

"Nothing serious, Jaune. It just wasn't working out, and we decided to end it before one of us got hurt."

"Well, hopefully, one day, you'll meet the special someone you'll be happy to spend the rest of your life with." Jaune said with a smile.

"Thanks, Jaune. Speaking of which. Should I expect someone else when we get home? Some special, perhaps?" Pyrrha asked with an inquisitive smirk despite knowing who Jaune was dating.

"Sorry, Pyrrha. But you'll have to wait to find out." Jaune answered, loving the pouting face Pyrrha made, but both of them burst into laughter a second later.

"Alright. We got out heaviest winter coats." Nora said as she, Ren, and Team Rwby exited the dorms.

"Hopefully, it will be enough." Ruby said as she put an extra thick coat on Zwei.

"Don't worry. You all will be fine." Pyrrha assured.

"Now, let's get going." Jaune said, with everyone grabbing their bags before heading down the halls.

Five Minutes Later

"MOM!" Pyrrha shouted as the bullhead's doors opened to reveal an older woman that looked remarkably similar to the redhead

champion.

"SWEETIE!" Pyrrha's mom shouted as she raced off the bullhead to greet and pull her daughter into a tight embrace.

"Wow. If cereal girl's mother was any younger, you could mistake her for Pyrrha's twin sister." Yang said, surprised.

"Yeah." The others agreed.

"I missed you so much, dear." Athena said with her voice full of joy.

"I missed you too, mom." Pyrrha said, fighting back tears of joy as they separated.

"Now, where's Jaune." Athena asked, looking around.

"Here I am, Ms. Nikos." Jaune answered, stepping up to her.

"Jaune. How many times do I have to tell you? Just call me Athena." Athena said, slightly annoyed.

"Anyway. It's good to see you again. How have you been?"

"I've been alright. A little lonely at times since Pyrrha left for Beacon. But the craziness of your sisters does always keep me on my toes."

"Sorry."

"It's alright. I've gotten used to it." Athena said with a warm smile before turning to the rest of Team Jnpr and Team Rwby. "Now. I take it these are your friends and teammates."

"Yup."

"These two are Nora Valkyrie and Lie Ren." Pyrrha said.

"Hello, Pyrrha's mom." Nora said with her usual cheery and full-of-energy attitude.

"Good morning, Ms. Nikos." Ren said in a more formal way yet still had a touch of friendliness to it.

"Good morning to you two." Athena said, smiling before hearing some sniffing nearby. Looking down, she let out a chuckle when she noticed Zwei was sniffing her feet. "And who's this curious fella?"

"This is Zwei." Ruby said as she picked up her dog, which turned its attention to her.

"She is Ruby Rose. The leader of Team Rwby." Pyrrha said.

"And her teammates are Yang Xiao Long, Weiss Schnee, and Blake Belladonna." Jaune added, pointing to each teammate.

"Hi." Ruby said.

"Hey." Yang said.

"Good morning, Ms. Nikos." Weiss greeted with a light bow.

"Hello." Blake said.

"Hello, everyone." Athena said before turning back to Pyrrha. "I'm so glad you're making friends here, dear. It's so much better than training alone on those nights or spending all that time alone reading books."

"Seems like Pyrrha was a bookworm like you, Blake." Yang teased, earning an eye roll from the faunus, followed by a punch to the shoulder.

"Mom. I wasn't always alone. Jaune and occasionally his sisters were with me." Pyrrha reminded.

"But still. More friends are never bad. And besides, how about the times Jaune and his sisters were away? You would hole up in your room or the training ground for hours a day. I had to drag you inside

sometimes just so you could eat something that wasn't a protein bar." Athena countered.

"That's because I had to practice so I could protect Jaune and the others."

"But that's still no excuse for not eating a proper meal, young lady."

'Ah, the memories. It really is nice to see Athena again. But maybe this time I can pay Pyrrha back for all the times she and my sisters embarrassed me.' Jaune thought, remembering all the embarrassing stories he had of Pyrrha's time at Beacon while he watched his partner and Athena go back and forth. However, someone tapping on his shoulder pulled Jaune from his thoughts. Turning to the side, he smiled when he noticed a relatively small female dragon faunus wearing a medium winter coat smiling at him. But what stood out the most was the faunus's eyes, as one was pink while the other was brown. However, while most would brush this off, Jaune didn't, as it was what told it who it really was. "Hey, Jade. Glad you could make it."

'You know I wouldn't miss it, Jaune.' Jade signed.

"Uh. Jaune. Who is this?" Ruby asked, getting their attention. Turning around, Jaune and 'Jade' noticed that everyone was looking at them in confusion. Even Pyrrha and her mother stopped their friendly arguing to stare at Jade. Although, for the briefest of moments, Jade and Jaune thought they saw something cross Team Rwby's and Team Jnpr's eyes, but they ignored it.

"Oh, right. Everyone. Meet Jade Azar." Jaune introduced with Jade waving.

'Hello.' Jade signed.

'Are you mute, young one?' Athena signed, curious.

'Yes. I was born mute. But I can hear just fine, so you don't have to sign back.'

"Uh. What's with the hand signals?" Ruby asked, confused. But whether it was genuine or to keep up the charade, the others were unsure.

"That's called sign language, Ruby." Weiss answered.

"What did they say?" Yang asked as she was still struggling to understand sign language fully.

"Jade just greeted us, and Ms. Nikos asked if she was mute, to which Jade answered yes and also said that she could hear us just fine, so we don't need to use sign language."

"Is she your girlfriend, fearless leader?" Nora asked, already seeing through the disguise. And the blush that formed on Jaune's face as Jade snuggled into him confirmed it.

"Aw, how sweet. I always knew you would find someone, Jaune." Athena said. "Will you be joining us, or are you here just to see your lover?"

'Yes. Jaune invited me to spend time with him and his family during the vacation.' Jade signed with a light blush.

"Excellent. I would love to know more about you and how you and Jaune got together." Athena said. "But anyway. We all better get going since the pilots aren't exactly the patient kind."

"Right." Jaune said as everyone grabbed their bags and boarded the bullhead. And to know one's surprise, the bullhead was extraordinarily lavish. Once everyone's bags were in their proper compartments, the two teams sat down all around the room as the bullhead ascended into the air before heading toward Jaune's hometown. Well, the two teams sat in their seats while Jade sat comfortably on Jaune's lap, earning a smile from the knight.

"Thanks again for having the pilots pick up my mom, Weiss." Pyrrha sad.

"It was no problem, Pyrrha. It was the least I could do." Weiss said.

"So tell us, Lover Boy. When and where did you and Jade first hook up?" Yang asked with a wink.

"We first met during our first year at Beacon and started dating a few months afterward." Jaune answered, with Jade nodding.

"Who asked the other out first?" Blake asked.

'This lovable dork did.' Jade signed.

"Let me guess. He stuttered the whole way through." Yang said, earning an eye roll from Jaune.

'Surprisingly, no. But he did admit he spent two hours psyching himself up and another hour preparing.'

"Do you have any plans for the near future, Jaune-Jaune?" Nora asked with a wink. And the blushes that formed on Jade's and Jaune's faces were a darker shade than Ruby's cape. But before either could say anything, Athena spoke up.

"Of course they do. Otherwise, they wouldn't have been dating for four straight years." She said with a smile.

"They must genuinely love each other." Pyrrha added with a smile.

"Right?" Pyrrha and Athena simultaneously said while staring Jade down with their smiles never leaving their faces. The tension in the room suddenly became thick, with the rest of their friends noticing as well.

However, both smiles sent shivers down Jade's spine. It honestly reminded her of the time when Jaune introduced her to his family and how they scared her. Briefly, Jade wondered why they were

doing this but quickly remembered when Jaune told her that Pyrrha and her mother were basically extended family to him. As such, it made sense that they were also highly protective of Jaune. But, like last time, Jade wasn't going to back down.

'Of course, we love each other. And I would never harm Jaune.' Jade signed while answering their silent question, with Jaune wrapping his arms around Jade. She then snuggled into Jaune's warm embrace both as a way to show her love to him and also to steal some of his warmth since she still wasn't used to the cold entirely.

"We know. We just wanted to be sure." Pyrrha said as the tension dissipated.

"He's family, after all, despite us not sharing blood." Athena added.

'I figured. He told me so many stories about his childhood, with some of them involving you two.' Jade signed.

"I imagine." Pyrrha said, smiling. However, she froze at what her mom said next.

"Now that we have that settled and know you won't harm Jaune." Athena said with a rare mischievous smirk. "Can you all tell me some stories about my daughter's time at Beacon Academy?"

"MOM!" Pyrrha shouted, knowing where this was going. And the smirk that Jaune had told her she was going to regret all the times she embarrassed Jaune when they were younger.

"Of course. We have plenty." Jaune answered. However, his smirk went away faster than students when they learned a furious Glynda Goodwitch was coming their way.

"Don't leave yourself out, Jaune." Yang said, with Blake, Nora, and Jade smirking as they knew where this was going. "Jade, you have

to tell us all the juicy details of your relationship with our Vomit Boy here."

'Oh, no.' Jaune thought as 'Jade' got comfy on his lap.

'Oh, definitely. I have plenty of embarrassing stories of my knight in shining armor trying to woo me during our dates.' Jade signed with a smirk.

Suffice to say, the rest of the trip to Jaune's hometown was embarrassing for the knight and the champion.

Three Hours Later

"Alright, everyone. We have arrived and will be landing momentarily. Be sure to bundle up, as it's -6 degrees celsius, which is much colder than we initially expected." The pilots said over the intercom. And even though the two teams and guests couldn't see the pilots, they knew they were trembling from the sheer cold.

"Okay. Either the pilots lied, or the crew did not calibrate the temperature gauges correctly, as I was not expecting it to be this cold." Weiss said, shivering as she raised the temperature.

"Yeah. I thought you guys were joking." Yang said through chattering teeth while Ruby struggled to put on a warmer jacket for Zwei.

"How did you three grow up in this weather?" Blake asked Pyrrha, Jaune, and Athena.

"Well, I'm used to it as my family has lived here for generations. So, you could say that living in cold climates is in my blood." Jaune answered as he gave a thicker jacket to Jade before putting a lighter one on himself.

"It was a little difficult for my mom and me since we were used to warmer climates. And after about a year or two, we got used to it."

Pyrrha answered.

"But warm clothes, food, and drinks certainly did help." Athena added.

"Yeah. Some hot chocolate sounds good right about now." Nora said, shivering.

"How far is your house, Jaune?" Ren asked as the bullhead landed.

"About twenty minutes walking. But since we're taking a car, about five to eight minutes." Jaune answered.

"Good, because I don't think I could walk through this amount of snow for more than a few minutes without becoming a popsicle." Blake said.

"Don't you mean a cat-sicle?" Yang asked with a smirk, causing everyone to roll their eyes.

"Be lucky I'm used to your puns." Blake said before giving Yang a kiss on her cheek.

"Blake's right. It's not safe to walk in this weather. You said we were taking a car, Jaune. Do you want me to call one, or do you have one on the way already?" Weiss asked, turning to Jaune.

"My mom already contacted a local service to come to pick us up." Jaune answered as he checked his scroll. "And they should be here in a few minutes."

"Which gives us enough time to gather our stuff and put on warmer clothes if we need them." Athena said. Nodding, everyone went about the bullhead grabbing their bags and putting on some heavier coats if they felt like they needed them.

'Jaune.' 'Jade' signed after tapping his shoulder.

"Yes?" Jaune whispered so the others wouldn't hear him. Typically, Blake would have heard him easily due to her Faunus traits. But fortunately, Yang was distracting Blake with some casual flirting and annoying puns.

'When should we tell your friends?'

"Maybe before we have dinner as we're giving grace. That way, we don't have to repeat ourselves."

'Do you still think they would take it well?'

"Before, yes. Now, I'm not so sure. But that could just be my nerves. I know Pyrrha and her mom would be surprised but would be okay with us being together. As for the others, I don't know."

'Hopefully, everything goes well, and they accept us dating each other. I know how much they mean to you, Jaune.' Jade nervously signed.

"Hopefully. But remember, Jade." Jaune began before pulling Jade into a passionate kiss that sent their hearts racing. After a moment, they separated, with, thankfully, no one else noticing their little moment. "You mean just as much to me as them."

'And you to me, Jaune.' Jade signed as they rested their foreheads against each other.

'But hopefully, you will be much more than my girlfriend soon.' Jaune thought as he felt the little box in his pocket again.

"Alright, everyone. The cars are here. Make sure your jackets are zipped up, and don't stop unless you want to risk frostbite." Athena said as the bullhead's doors opened. Nodding, everyone grabbed their bags and followed Athena outside and into the cars, where the drivers were waiting to help with the luggage. Once they finished, the drivers raced back inside the cards before driving toward Jaune's home.

Ten Minutes Later

"Here you go. Thanks for the ride, and have a good day." Jaune said as he and Athena paid the drivers.

"Wow. It's good to be home." Pyrrha said, stretching a bit.

"It sure is, dear." Athena agreed.

"Uh, Jaune. Pyrrha. Ms. Nikos." Weiss said, getting their attention.

"Yes?" They asked, turning to her.

"Is the rest of your family aware of the term 'holding back'?" She asked, pointing to Jaune's home. Confused, the others turned around and saw an ornately decorated house.

"Wow. They must have really held back this year. I haven't seen them use so few decorations since I was eight." Pyrrha said, smiling at the house.

"Yeah. They had to toss out a few decorations since we could no longer use them and couldn't get any replacements." Jaune explained.

"What are you guys talking about?" Weiss nearly shrieked. "This many decorations together is a fire hazard!"

"Not to mention a blinding hazard." Yang added as the light coming from the decorations was so bright that it forced her to shield her eyes.

"You're right. It's a little bright. We should turn the brightness down once we get inside." Athena said, also covering her eyes. Nodding, everyone grabbed their bags and walked up to the front door with Jaune knocking.

"Is there anything we need to know about your family, Jaune?" Ren asked. However, before Jaune could answer, two blurs suddenly

tackled him to the ground.

"JAUNE!" Team Rwby, Nora, and Ren shouted, worried. They were about to take out their weapons but stopped when Jade stood in front of them.

'Don't worry. That's just how some of his sisters greet him if he's been gone for more than a month.' She signed with Athena translating.

"Suddenly, I'm glad I was an only child." Blake said as the attackers helped Jaune up.

"YOU'RE FINALLY BACK!" They shouted.

"Yes. I'm back." Jaune chuckled at the twins.

"Come on. Give us a hug." The twins said with mischievous smirks.

'Hold it.' Jade signed as she stepped up to Jaune and the twins.

"Yes, Jade?" Jaune asked, confused. Instead of answering, Jade raised her arm to pluck something off the twins' backs. Jaune was confused for a moment but quickly realized the thing was a pressure sensor. And that meant only one thing. A prank the twins set up expressly for him. "You two couldn't wait until we were inside the house. Thanks, Jade."

'You're welcome, Jaune.' Jade signed as she tossed the device to him while smirking at the twins' pouting expressions.

"Yeah. Thanks a lot, Jade." They said with a huff before dashing inside the house to escape the cold.

"Uh. What just happened?" Weiss asked, confused.

"That was just the twins being themselves. They love to pull pranks on me. Thankfully, the twins haven't been successful these past few

years due to Jade managing to catch their traps before they spring it on me." Jaune answered.

'It pays to have a sharp eye.' Jade signed.

"What are their names, and how do you tell them apart?" Yang asked.

"Poppy wears a teal hair bow and a teal shirt. Primrose wears a turquoise hair bow and a turquoise shirt." Jaune answered.

"That's it?"

"Yup."

"Wouldn't it be really easy for them to switch items to confuse everyone?" Ren asked.

"Oh, yes. They did so in the past. But Jaune's mom made sure they never did that again. Which reminds me. Be careful. Jaune's mother is far scarier than Ms. Goodwitch, especially when she gets mad." Pyrrha answered.

"That's an understatement." Another voice agreed. Turning around, everyone saw Saphron standing in the doorway while holding her son, Adrian.

"Adrian." Pyrrha said, running to pick up her nephew.

"Pyrrha." Adrian said, giggling.

"Good to see you, sis." Jaune said, preparing himself for the headlock that would undoubtedly come. And come it did as Saph pulled him into once, not even a second later.

"Good to see you, little bro." She said as Jaune 'tried' his best to escape.

"I see you two still have your sibling rivalry." Athena said.

"We've never lost it." Jaune and Saphron simultaneously said.

"But it's good to see you and Pyrrha again, Athena." Saphron said as she let go of Jaune.

"It's good to see you and the pranksters again."

"It is until you experience their pranks." Saphron said before turning back to Jaune. "I see that you finally brought your Beacon friends here."

"Yeah. It was our final year, and we figured it would be a good way to close it out." Jaune answered.

"That and mom would definitely go to Beacon to drag you and friends here herself."

"I would be worried if she didn't."

"Anyway. I also see you brought your girlfriend here." Saphron said, turning to Jade.

'Hey, Saph. How have you been?' Jade signed.

"I've been fine. A little busy, though, since Adrian is going to school next year. Fortunately, Terra found a better-paying job recently that also doesn't require her to work seven days a week."

'That's great. Now she doesn't have to work herself to the bone and can spend more time with you and Adrian.'

"It truly is. But anyway. We can talk more inside." Saphron said before motioning for everyone to enter the house, with Jaune closing the door once everyone was inside.

"Okay. Now, this is cozy and so much better than outside." Yang said as she and the others shed their winter coats.

"I take it none of you are used to this weather." Another voice said. Turning to where it came from, everyone saw Terra walking toward them with another of Jaune's sisters by her side.

"Nope. The closest one is Weiss, and I doubt the Atlas Kingdom ever experienced this cold." Blake answered.

"The coldest temperature the Atlas Kingdom had ever experienced was 4 degrees Celsius." Weiss said.

"That sounds like early spring or late fall to us." The other lady said with a chuckle.

"Hey, Amber. Nice to see you again." Pyrrha said.

"Good to see you and your mom again, Pyrrha. I missed you both. It just wasn't the same with you both gone." Amber said.

"Did you really miss us or just miss the ability to tease me relentlessly?" Pyrrha asked, recalling those not-so-fun days.

"A bit of both."

"Anyway. Where are the others?" Athena asked.

"Our resident jokesters are upstairs cleaning up the guest rooms. Dahlia and Midori are in the kitchen preparing the feast for dinner. And Clementine is with mom making something."

"And that something is my secret recipe for hot chocolate for everyone." Esmerelda said as she and Clementine came into the living room, each holding a tray of cups with hot chocolate in them.

"Hey, mom." Jaune said as he moved to hug his mother from the side.

"Hey, dear." Esmerelda said.

"Hi, Esmerelda." Pyrrha said, smiling.

"Hey, Pyrrha."

"Afternoon, Es." Athena said. "Need some help?"

"Good to see you, Athena. And no. I got it."

'Hey, Clem. How have you been?' Jaune signed to his youngest sister.

"I'm great. A little lonely without you, Pyrrha, Athena, or your girlfriend around." Clementine answered.

'Well, you don't have to be lonely anymore as we're all here.'

"I know. But I still missed you."

'And I missed you too.'

"So, Jaune. Care to introduce your mother and sisters to your friends?" Esmerelda asked.

"Right. This is Ruby Rose and her dog Zwei."

"Hi, Jaune's mom." Ruby said with Zwei barking.

"This is Blake Belladonna."

"Hello."

"Next is Weiss Schnee."

"Good afternoon, Ms. Arc. Thank you for having us." Weiss said with a slight bow.

"Don't need to be so formal, dear. Relax." Esmerelda said.

"And last for Team Rwby is yang Xiao Long. She is also the sister of Ruby."

"Hey."

"Next is my team. First is my partner Pyrrha."

"Jaune." Pyrrha said, rolling her eyes.

"Next is Nora Valkyrie."

"THAT'S ME! NORA VALKYRIE, LEG BREAKER EXTRAORDINAIRE!" Nora proudly declared, causing everyone to chuckle.

"She's an excitable one." Athena whispered to her daughter.

"Oh, yeah." Pyrrha said, smiling.

"I take it she has an endless amount of energy?" Saphron asked.

"Pretty much. But also, before I forget, don't let Nora have more than a few grams of sugar. She will go into a sugar craze if that happens."

"Noted." Terra said.

"And lastly is Lie Ren." Jaune said, pointing to the last member of his team.

"Good afternoon, Ms. Arc." Ren said with a slight nod.

"And don't forget big bro's girlfriend." Clementine said.

"Of course not." Amber said as Jade pulled Jaune into a hug before kissing his cheek.

"I'm really glad you found her and helped give her a new life, Jaune." Esmerelda said, confusing the others.

"What does she mean, Jaune?" Ren asked.

"To put it simply, Jade had a very rough upbringing. She eventually escaped, and someone helped her achieve a new life, but it wasn't strictly legal. But that mostly changed after we got together, and now she is paying back for all the things she had done." Jaune answered.

'I did what I had to do to survive. And I would do it again if I had to. But thanks to Jaune here, I wouldn't need to.' Jade signed.

"Aw. That's so sweet." Nora and Ruby said.

"Leave it to Vomit Boy here to change someone's life around for the better." Yang said.

"He really does have a big heart." Blake added with a gentle smile. But as soon as she finished saying that, she quickly covered Yang's mouth as everyone knew the pun and dirty joke she would say.

"But either way. She's a welcome addition to the family. And all of you are now friends of the family." Esmerelda said. "Now. How about everyone has some hot chocolate to warm up before we start the traditions."

"Thanks." Everyone said as they each took a mug and took a sip with the warm liquid warming their bodies and chasing away the cold.

"Wow. That's so good." Ruby said.

"Wait until you try Esmerelda's desserts. It will send your taste buds on a heavenly trip." Terra said.

"Is that how Jaune learned to cook so well?" Blake asked.

"Oh, yes. I take it Jaune cooked for you all a few times?" Amber asked.

"Let's put it like this. If it was possible, I'm sure Beacon would have hired Jaune as a chef." Ren said.

"Honestly, I felt tempted to hire Jaune as our chef a few times. His cooking was far better than most things I had at Atlas." Weiss added.

"I can imagine. But wait until you try mom's cooking. She is the one that taught Jaune, after all." Saphron said.

"Oh. We can't wait then." Yang said, licking her lips in anticipation. However, she, the rest of Team Rwby, Ren, and Nora all tensed up when they heard the fire alarm beeping.

"Uh. Should we be concerned?" Blake asked, worried.

'No. It's probably Dahlia and Midori. Their cooking tends to be either a bit explosive or flaming.' Jade answered.

"But great either way." Dahlia said as she and Midori exited the kitchen. "Hello, everyone. Good to see you all in good health with no afflicting ailments."

"Hey, guys." Midori said, coughing a bit. "Glad you could all make it."

"Nice to see you two as well. But what were you two making?" Athena asked.

"Some Christmas pudding. But it got a little out of control."

"Why?" Esmerelda asked with a critical eye.

"We're not sure. The most probable answer is that we used slightly too much brandy." Dahlia answered.

"Ah. That's most likely it. A simple mistake. Next time I'll help you two." Esmerelda said.

"Thank you, mother." Dahlia said.

"Now. Jaune. Saphron. How about you two help our guests move their bags into the guest rooms?" Esmerelda asked.

"Alright. Dahlia. Midori. Bring Clementine to the kitchen and start making the desserts."

"Okay." Midori said.

'Come, Clementine. Let's make the desserts for tonight.' Dahlia signed.

"Coming." Clementine said before running to the kitchen.

"Amber. Go and get those mischievous devils down here. But watch out for their pranks. I think they're a bit frustrated due to Jade spotting their traps."

"Joy." Amber said, not looking forward to traversing through the minefield of pranks known as the twin's room.

"Follow me. I'll show you guys your rooms." Jaune said as he grabbed some of the bags, with Saprhon grabbing some more.

'Need some help, Jaune?' Jade signed.

"Sure. Can you grab-" Jaune began but stopped when Esmerelda interjected.

"Actually. Terra can help while Athena watches Adrian. I need to speak with Jade in private for a moment." She said.

'Is something wrong?' Jade signed, curious but also slightly nervous.

"Nothing's wrong, Jade. But there is something important we need to discuss."

'Alright.' Jade signed before following Esmerelda outside.

"What do you think they are going to talk about?" Saphron asked Jaune, curious.

"I don't know. But, hopefully, everything is alright." Jaune answered before turning back to his teammates and friends. "Alright. Follow me."

"Oh. Can I share a room with my Renny, Jaune?" Nora asked with puppy dog eyes."

"Of course." Jaune answered while not telling her that he expected that and ensured she and Ren got one of the guest rooms with the full-size bed.

"Can my kitty kat and I share a room, Jaune?" Yang asked, earning a hiss from Blake that immediately caused her to blush.

"Sure."

"Is she the one that loves puns?" Saphron whispered to Jaune.

"Yeah. You have no idea." Jaune answered.

"I think it's best we keep her away from Amber."

"Yeah. I don't think we would be able to handle that." Jaune agreed as they stopped in front of the guest rooms. "Alright. We're here."

"Athena. Pyrrha. Your rooms are at the end of the hall." Saphron said.

"Thanks, Saph." Athena said as Saphron took Adrian back.

"No problem, Athena." Grabbing their bags, Pyrrha and Saphron went into their respective rooms.

"Weiss. Your room is next to theirs. And Ruby. Your room is right next is across from Weiss." Jaune said.

"Thanks, Jaune." Ruby said before grabbing her bags and heading inside her room.

"Thank you, Jaune." Weiss said before doing the same.

"Nora. Ren. Your room is next to Ruby's room."

"YAY!" Nora shouted before effortlessly grabbing their bags and heading into their room.

"Thank you, Jaune." Ren said before following his girlfriend into their guest room.

"And Blake. Your shared room with Yang is across from Ren and Nora." Jaune said.

"Thanks, Vomit Boy. We promise we won't make too much noise." Yang teased while Blake tried to hide her massive blush behind her book as they entered their room.

"So, how long have they been together?" Saphron asked.

"Ren and Nora got together about a year and a half ago. As for Blake and Yang, they became a couple last summer." Jaune answered.

"That's nice."

"It is. About time too, since we could all tell they had feelings for each other for the longest time."

"Speaking of which, do you think I will have any nieces or nephews soon?" Saphron asked, causing Jaune to blush.

"I-I-I..." Jaune stuttered, trying to think of anything to say but couldn't. Luckily, he didn't need to, as everyone came out of their rooms a second later.

"Is everything okay, Jaune?" Pyrrha asked, worried when she saw Jaune with a red face.

"I'm fine. Just some friendly teasing between brother and sister." Jaune answered.

"I know how that is." Ruby said, causing Yang to roll her eyes.

"Anyway. What now?" Blake asked.

"We go downstairs and take part in the family's traditions." Athena answered.

"What kind of traditions?" Nora asked, curious.

"We have a couple like watching Christmas movies, making a feast, putting the star on the Christmas tree, singing and listening to Christmas songs, and opening gifts." Jaune answered.

"THAT SOUNDS AWESOME!" Ruby and Nora shouted, excited. Even Zwei seemed to agree as he let out a few barks.

"It does." Weiss agreed.

"Which ones do you start with?" Ren asked.

"First, we start with cooking the Christmas dinner since that takes the most time. Afterward, it's up to mom since we never stick to a consistent schedule for this day." Saphron answered.

"Since when has the Arc Family followed any form of schedule or *anything* that requires consistency?" Athena asked, causing Jaune, Saphron, Adrian, and Pyrrha to chuckle.

"Never." They answered with Adrian giggling.

"Anyway. Let's head down and help Esmerelda with the cooking." Pyrrha said. Everyone nodded before heading back down and into the kitchen. But once they arrived, Jaune noticed Jade standing next to Esmerelda, helping her decorate some Christmas cupcakes. But what stood out immediately to Jaune was the blush on Jade's face.

"Are you okay, Jade?" Jaune asked, worried as he walked up to her and placed the back of his hand on her forehead. While some might find it annoying, Jade found the gesture sweet.

"She's fine, dear. We just finished having our little chat." Esmerelda explained.

'Yeah. Just a little chat.' Jade signed, the blush still on her face as she struggled to look Jaune in the eyes, yet the smile on her face never left.

"Are you sure?" Jaune asked, still not convinced.

'Yeah. It was just a small chat. Don't worry, Jaune.' Jade assured.

"Alright." Jaune said, relaxing a bit.

"But now that everyone is here. Why don't you all lend us a hand in making the Christmas dinner?" Esmerelda asked.

"Sure." Everyone answered.

"Ruby." Saphron said, getting the young reaper's attention.

"Yes?" She asked.

"Do you think Zwei could watch over Adrian while we cook?" Saphron asked, remembering the stories Jaune told her about Zwei.

"Sure." Ruby answered, with Zwei barking in confirmation.

"Thanks." Saphron said as she placed Adrian on the nearby couch. Almost immediately, Zwei ran over and began to play with Adrian.

"So what are we making?" Yang asked.

"Aside from the staples like mashed potatoes, turkey, and cranberry sauce, we'll also be making Christmas pastries, rice porridge, pie,

meatloaf, etc." Amber answered.

"And that's not counting a few other things we'll be making." Dahlia said.

"Wow. That's a lot of food." Ren said, surprised.

"Are you sure we'll be able to finish it?" Weiss asked.

"Oh, don't worry about that. Any food we don't finish, we'll save it as leftovers for the following days." Esmerelda said.

"In that case, let's get started." Blake said, surprising the others. But they quickly overcame their shock and began to help the others in the kitchen. However, just as 'Jade' learned firsthand a few years ago, Team Rwby, Ren, and Nora learned how chaotic the Arc Family could get. Yet, the chaos only increased tenfold once the twins arrived to help out.

Ninety Minutes Later

"Wow. That was pure chaos." Blake said as everyone cleaned up the kitchen.

"It was. And here I thought our time at Beacon would be the most chaotic time of our lives. But I was so wrong." Weiss said as she wiped some cranberry sauce off her hands.

"Pyrrha, how did you and your mother live through this chaos?" Ren asked, curious. Initially, he believed that if he could handle Nora and her crazy ways, he could handle anything life might throw at him. And yet, Jaune and his family proved him wrong.

"I admit, it was a struggle at first." Pyrrha began.

"But we quickly grew accustomed to it, and now it's a part of our lives." Athena finished.

"Now I'm honestly worried for *Jade* if she and Jaune decide to take their relationship to the next level." Yang said.

'Worry about yourselves. I'm used to it. Mostly.' Jade signed with a smirk.

"Really?" Nora asked.

'Yeah. This isn't my first time celebrating the holidays with Jaune and his family.'

"Fourth time?" Blake asked.

'Fourth time spending Christmas, yes. But spending the holidays with him and the rest of the Arcs, then no. I've spent nearly every holiday with him.'

"Wow." Team Rwby said, surprised.

"Yup. She's practically part of the family now." Saphron said with a wink that caused Jaune to blush as he caught the hidden meaning.

"Anyway. Now that we finished making the food, what next?" Weiss asked.

"Typically, we would make gingerbread houses while we wait for some of the food to cool down. Unfortunately, they were none left in any of the stores, and the ones we did find were far too expensive that even the twins and Clementine thought it was a ripoff." Dahlia answered.

"So instead, we'll sing a few Christmas songs and hang the star on the tree." Esmerelda added.

"Oh, I missed this tradition. Where's the star?" Athena asked.

"Where it normally is."

"I'll go get it." Athena said before leaving.

"What songs are we going to sing?" Yang asked, curious.

"How about Team Rwby, the rest of Jaune's team, and Pyrrha and her mother decide?" Primrose suggested.

"Yeah. Like Jade did when she first spent Christmas with us." Poppy added.

"What song did you choose?" Blake asked, curious.

'I chose the song It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year.' Jade answered.

"Because it's Christmas or something *else* ?" Yang asked with a wink that earned an eye roll from Jade.

"Okay. I got it." Athena said as she returned with the star for the tree.

"Great. We can start after they choose a few songs for us to sing." Esmerelda said as she took the star before heading to the Christmas tree with everyone else following her. Once there, she turned around to face the teens. "So, what songs should we sing?"

"We think we should start with Deck the Halls." Ruby said, with the rest of her team agreeing.

"Alright then. Places everybody." Esmerelda said as everyone moved to stand side to side with each other. However, Jade moved to stand in front of Jaune. Smiling, Jaune gave Jade a light peck on her head before pulling her into a hug. They all then cleared their throats before starting.

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Oh no no

Deck the halls with boughs of holly

Fa la la la la, la la la la (fa la la la la, la la la la)

'Tis the season to be jolly

Fa la la la la, la la la la (fa la la la la, la la la la)

Don we now our gay apparel

Fa la la la la, la la la la (fa la la la la, la la la la)

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Fa la la la la, la la la la la la

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

Fa la la la la, la la la la la la

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

See the blazing yule before us

Fa la la la la, la la la la (fa la la la la, la la la la)

Strike the harp and join the chorus

(Fa la la la la, la la la, fa la la la la, la la la)

Follow me in merry measure

Fa la la la la, la la la la, fa la la la la, la la la la

While I tell of Yuletide treasure

(Fa la la la la, la la la la)

Fa la la la la, la la la la la la

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

Fa la la la la, la la la la la la

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

Fast away, the old year passes

Fa la la la la, la la la la (fa la la la la, la la la la)

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses

(Fa la la, la la la, la la la, la la la, fa la la, la la la, la la la la)

Sing we joyous all together, oh

Heedless of the wind and weather

Fa la la la la, la la la la (hey)

Fa la la la la, la la la la la la (oh)

Fa la la la la, fa la la la (oh)

Oh oh fa la la la la, la la la la la la

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

Deck the halls with boughs of holly

Fa la la la la, la la la la

'Tis the season to be jolly

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Don we now our gay apparel

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Fa la la la la, la la la la

La la la la, la la la la

"It's been a while since we sang this song." Midori said.

"We should probably do this back home, sis." Yang said.

"We definitely should." Ruby agreed.

"So, what song should we sing next?" Terra asked.

"Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." Ren answered.

"YAY!" Adrian shouted.

"Nice." Saphron said, smiling at her son's reaction.

"It's Adrian's favorite song." Terra said, chuckling.

Rockin' around the Christmas tree

At the Christmas party hop

Mistletoe hung where you can see

Every couple tries to stop

Rockin' around the Christmas tree

Let the Christmas spirit ring

Later we'll have some pumpkin pie

And we'll do some caroling

You will get a sentimental feeling when you hear

Voices singing, let's be jolly

Deck the halls with boughs of holly

Rockin' around the Christmas tree

Have a happy holiday

Everyone dancin' merrily

In the new old-fashioned way

You will get a sentimental feeling when you hear

Voices singing, let's be jolly

Deck the halls with boughs of holly

Rockin' around the Christmas tree

Have a happy holiday

Everyone dancin' merrily

In the new old-fashioned way

"AGAIN! AGAIN!" Adrian demanded, happily laughing.

"Another time, Adrian." Terra said, barely able to contain her joy at seeing her son so happy.

"Okay, Athena. Pyrrha. What's the next song we should sing?" Amber asked.

"How about the song, Have a Holly Jolly Christmas?" Pyrrha suggested.

"Sure." Esmerelda said.

Have a holly, jolly Christmas

It's the best time of the year

Now I don't know if there'll be snow

But have a cup of cheer

Have a holly, jolly Christmas

And when you walk down the street

Say hello to friends you know

And everyone you meet

Ho ho, the mistletoe

Is hung where you can see

Somebody waits for you

Kiss her once for me

Have a holly, jolly Christmas

And in case you didn't hear

Oh, by golly, have a holly, jolly Christmas

This year

Ho ho, the mistletoe

Is hung where you can see

Somebody waits for you

Kiss her once for me

Have a holly, jolly Christmas

And in case you didn't hear

Oh, by golly, have a holly, jolly Christmas

This year

"Merry Christmas!" Everyone cheered once they finished singing.

"Merry Christmas." ***'Trivia.'*** Jaune began before signing.

'Merry Christmas, Jaune.' Jade signed before leaning to kiss Jaune on the lips.

"Okay. Time to put the star on the tree. Who should put it this year?" Amber asked.

"Adrian." Everyone answered, causing Adrian to cheer before reaching for the star.

"Alright. Here you go, champ." Saphron said, giving her son the star.

"YAY!" Adrian cheered as he took the star while Terra moved closer to the tree.

"Alright, Adrian." Terra said, smiling, as she lifted her son. Adrian gained a look of determination and stuck out his tongue as he placed the star on the tree.

"YAY!" Everyone cheered.

"Good job, Adrian." Saphron cheered, causing Adrian to giggle.

"Okay, everyone. Help me set up the table, and we can eat." Esmerelda said as everyone followed her back to the kitchen. However, 'Jade' and Jaune remained behind. While they didn't show it on their face, they were incredibly nervous. The reason was that the time to tell Jaune's friends about who 'Jade' really was had arrived, and they were no longer sure how they would react. With a big breath, they grabbed each other's hand and braced themselves before following the others to the kitchen.

Ten Minutes Later

"Whew. Finally." The twins said as everyone sat in their seats.

"Alright. We can now dig in." Yang said, salivating at how tasty and how wonderful the food smelled.

"Uh-uh. Before we dig in, we must say grace." Esmerelda said.

"Right." Everyone said.

"Amber. Would you like to lead us?"

"Sure." Amber answered. "Well, everyone. Another year has passed, and we are still together and in good health. We have come a long way this year. Midori got accepted into the school of her dreams, Dahlia is now in the university she always wanted to attend, and Terra now being able to spend more time with Saphron and Adrian. Not only that, Jaune had finally found someone when we were all worried he might end up alone."

"Amber." Esmerelda warned.

"But anyway. We are certainly thankful for everything. Especially for Jaune, who is the next member of the family about to finish school and move on to the next part of his life."

"A life that might include Jade, right Jaune?" Yang teased with the other chuckling. However, both teams and Athena became confused

and slightly concerned when Jaune and Jade turned to each other and let out a sigh.

"Actually. Jade and I have something to tell all of you." Jaune said.

"Is something wrong, Jaune?" Pyrrha asked, worried.

"Or did Jade do something?" Yang asked with a light glare.

"Or is something else bugging you two?" Blake asked after lightly jabbing Yang in the ribs.

'No, it's nothing like that.' Jade signed.

"Then what is it, Jaune?" Athena asked.

"Do anyone of you know?" Ren asked the other members of the Arc Family.

"We do. But it's best if they tell you." Dahlia answered.

"What are you trying to tell us, Jaune and Jade?" Weiss asked.

"Well. There is no female dragon faunus known as Jade Azar. In reality, she is someone else. Someone you guys have fought before." Jaune answered.

"What do you mean, Jaune?" Nora asked, trying her best to hide her excitement since she knew what was coming.

'Actually. It's best if I show you.' Jade signed before sighing and closing her eyes. Team Rwby and the rest of Team Jnpr, along with Athena, were confused but became 'shocked' when 'Jade' suddenly shattered to reveal Neopolitan, AKA Trivia Vanille, the former partner of Roman Torchwick.

"NEOPOLITAN!?" Athena asked, surprised. "You're dating Neopolitan?"

"Yes. I'm dating Trivia Vanille." Jaune answered with a surprising amount of conviction.

"For how long?"

'It's coming up on four years.' Neo answered.

"Wow." Athena said, shocked.

"Yeah." Jaune said, scratching the back of his head before turning to his teammates and friends. "Well? What do you guys think?"

'What do you think of Jaune and I dating?' Trivia signed with a light glare. Both Team Rwby and Team Jnpr looked at each other before shrugging.

"Honestly, we're glad." They answered, surprising Jaune and Neo.

"Wait. Really?" Jaune asked, shocked.

'You're all glad we're dating? Really?' Trivia asked.

"Yes." Ren answered.

"Honestly, you two make a cute couple." Blake said with a warm smile.

"Blake's right. You two are adorable. In fact, I think I should come up with a ship name for you two." Yang said with a devious smirk.

"We already have one." Midori said, surprising Yang.

"Really? What is it?"

"It's called Silent Knight."

'I still think it won't catch on.' Trivia signed.

"But it does suit you two." Pyrrha said with a gentle smile.

"While it does suit them, I'm more curious about why none of you seem too surprised, shocked, or scared that Jaune is dating a formally notorious criminal." Esmerelda said, curious.

"Yeah. I wasn't expecting all of you to be so calm." Jaune said.

"Well. Actually. We have a confession." Ruby said.

'What is it?' Trivia asked.

"We've actually known you to have been dating for a while." Ren said, surprising them.

"Really?" Jaune asked.

'When?' Trivia signed, curious.

"We don't precisely know when since it was a while back. But at one point, we went into Vale to grab some supplies for an upcoming project and saw you two hanging out." Weiss began.

"We were worried that something was happening, so we decided to follow you two for a while. But our fears were unfounded by how much affection you two were showing toward each other." Ren said.

"And to answer your next question. We didn't say anything because we wanted you two to tell us." Pyrrha answered/lied, as she didn't want everything to come crashing down. Perhaps she might tell them in the future but not right now.

"Which was harder than you might expect since some people can't keep a secret." Ren said, glancing at Yang and Nora.

'Huh. Well. This went better than we expected.' Trivia signed.

"It did. But at least we don't have to hide it anymore." Jaune agreed.

'As if we were hiding it in the first place since nearly everyone knew about us.'

"But either way. We're glad you both are now together." The twins said.

"But now that's out of the way. We can now eat." Esmerelda said. Nodding, everyone dined on the feast before them. And as everyone ate, no one noticed Jaune and Trivia holding hands underneath the table. However, while everyone ate in peace, Jaune's mind was still swimming in anxiety as he felt the box in his pants pocket.

One Hour Later

"Okay. Now that was delicious." Yang said as everyone sat in the living room after cleaning up the dishes and putting away the leftovers.

"But now I think we'll be in a food coma for the rest of the week." Nora said as she lay comfy next to Ren.

'Try a week.' Neo signed, remembering her first time eating with the Arc Family on Christmas and how full she was afterward.

"So, what movie are we going to watch?" Ruby asked as she watched Zwei play with Adrian.

"A classic. The Nightmare Before Christmas." Dahlia answered as Clementine put her favorite movie into the Blu-Ray player.

"Wow. I haven't seen that movie in ages." Blake said.

"Then you're in for a treat." Athena said as she and Esmerelda returned with popcorn and hot chocolate for everyone.

"Okay. It's in." Clementine said as the movie began to play before running back to her seat.

"Midori. Can you please turn off the lights?" Esmerelda asked.

"Sure, mom." Midori said before jumping out of her seat to turn off the lights.

'You okay, Jaune?' Trivia signed. ***'You seem a bit tense.'***

"I'm fine. Don't worry, Trivia." Jaune assured with a smile.

'Alright. But you know you can tell me anything, right.'

"I know. But it's nothing. Everything is alright." Smiling, Trivia got comfy on Jaune's lap as they watched the movie.

One and a Half Hours Later

"Just as great as I remember." Blake said as the movie finished.

"That's why it's a classic. It's just so great." Saphron said.

"But now, it's time to open presents." Esmerelda said.

"YAY!" The twins and Clementine shouted.

"But before we do. Let's all take a quick break to use the bathroom or stretch a bit. I also need to grab the last of the presents from downstairs. Care to help me, Athena?"

"Sure. Just give me a moment to use the bathroom." Athena answered as they left the room.

"Trivia." Jaune said, getting the ice-cream-themed girl's attention.

'Yes, Jaune?' She signed.

"Can I talk to you outside?"

'Sure.' Jaune and Trivia got up from the couch and stretched a bit before heading outside to the back porch.

'So what did you want to talk about?' Trivia asked as Jaune closed the door. ***'Is something wrong? You were a bit tense during the movie.'***

"Nothing's wrong. I just wanted to talk a bit."

'What do you want to talk about?'

"About us."

'What about us?' Trivia signed, curious. However, she felt a well of excitement bubble inside her. After all, Jaune's mother did give her blessing for a bright future with her son. Although, she struggled to keep a blush from forming on her face when she remembered what Esmerelda had said about children in the future.

"Our relationship. We certainly have come a long way. From how I was so awkward around you-"

'You still are sometimes.'

"To us now, being so comfortable with each other that it feels natural."

'Now that I think of it, you're right. We have come a long way.'

"And we still have a long way to go with our lives." Jaune began, reaching into his pocket to grab the box, but he didn't pull it out. "But I don't want to go through my life in this world alone."

'Jaune. What are you getting at?' Trivia signed, trying to contain her excitement.

"I don't want to go through this life alone. And I can't even, nor do I even want to start imagining a life without you by my side, Trivia." Jaune began as he pulled out the box from his pocket before getting on one knee.

'Jaune.' Trivia signed, her heart racing as Jaune raised his hand to reveal a small black box.

"Trivia Vanille. Will you complete my life and make me the happiest person in all of Remnant?" Jaune asked as he opened the box to

reveal a beautifully ornate engagement ring with a diamond on top. "Will you marry me?"

'Yes. Yes. Yes.' Trivia struggled to sign as tears of joy streamed down her face. She then lifted her arm and moved it toward Jaune, who removed her white glove before placing the ring on her finger. But as soon as he did, she jumped into him and locked lips with him in a searing, passionate, loving kiss.

"I love you, Trivia Vanille." Jaune said, breathlessly as they separated.

'I love you too, Jaune Arc.' Trivia mouthed as they rested their foreheads against each other. They stayed like that, simply content to be with each other. And as their breaths intertwined, they pulled each other closer. ***'Should we tell the others?'***

"Not yet. But soon. I just want to spend some time with my future wife first without anyone interfering."

'You mean your future, Mrs. Arc?' Neo signed, causing Jaune to smile and blush.

"Yes." Jaune answered. They were about to lean in for another kiss but stopped dead in their tracks when they heard Saphron shouting from inside the house.

"JAUNE! TRIVIA! COME ON, YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS! WE'RE ABOUT TO OPEN PRESENTS!" She shouted, causing Jaune and Trivia to sigh as they stood up.

"We better go inside; otherwise, they might drag us inside so we could open presents." Jaune said.

'You're right.' Neo signed before pulling Jaune into another searing kiss. ***'But I don't need presents that are wrapped and under a tree. I have mine right here. You're my present, Jaune.'***

"Now, who's the queen of cheesy one-liners." Jaune chuckled before wincing when Trivia kicked him in the shin. "But you're my present too."

'Now come on. We all know how your sisters get when they become impatient.' Trivia said before they shared a kiss.

"Right. Let's go." Jaune said as he and Trivia grabbed each other's hand before heading inside the spend the rest of the day with his family and Trivia's future in-laws.

Ten Years Later

"Hey, honey." Jaune said as he leaned down to kiss his loving wife, Trivia, on the lips.

'Hey, goofball. How was your work at Beacon?' Trivia signed as she waited for Jaune to unlock and open the door to their home.

"A bit stressful. Thankfully, Pyrrha and Blake were there to help. But now I know why Glynda always puts some brandy or whisky in her coffee. And how was yours?"

'Tiresome. There was so much paperwork. But at least it's over now, and we have two weeks off.'

"I can imagine. And yeah. We now have two weeks to spend together as a family without any interruptions." Jaune said as he opened the door with them stepping inside.

'Now. Since we don't have any work for the rest of the day, what do you want to do?'

"How about we watch a movie?"

'Sure. Which one so I can put it in the Blu-Ray player while you make us some snacks.'

"How about Home Alone? You know she likes and should be here soon."

'Alright.' Trivia signed as she went to look for the movie while Jaune entered the kitchen.

Half an Hour Later

"That's it. I forgot to close the garage." Mr. Mccallister said as his wife sighed in relief.

"No, that's not it." Mrs. Mccallister said, still wondering what she was forgetting. But a second later, it dawned on her. *"KEVIN!"*

"Still a classic." Jaune said as Trivia sat on his lap while eating some Neapolitan ice cream.

'I still love her reaction.' Trivia signed as she put the bowl on the side table.

"Same." Hearing the door open, Jaune and Trivia turned to the door and smiled when they saw their daughter running toward them.

"MOM! DAD!" Their daughter, Amitola, shouted as she reached them.

"Hey, Amitola. How was school?" Jaune asked as he rubbed his daughter's blonde hair.

'Did Mrs. Azure give you homework?' Trivia signed.

"School was great. Mrs. Azure didn't give us homework. But she gave us some coloring books for Christmas break." Amitola answered, her excitement evident in her blue, brown, and pink eyes. What surprised Jaune and Trivia about Amitola when she was born was her eyes. Her left eye was a deep blue like her father's. However, Amitola's right eye was both brown and pink. And what further surprised Jaune and Trivia was that Amitola could change the color of her right eye just like her mother. But this surprise didn't

matter to either of them as they still loved their daughter with all their hearts.

'That's great.' Trivia signed.

"But now, how about you spend some time with your parents?" Jaune asked as Trivia held out her arms. Amitola smiled before jumping into her mother's arms, who hugged her. And right after, Jaune wrapped his arms around his wife and child.

"What movie are we watching?"Amitola asked as she got comfy.

"Your favorite movie. Home Alone." Jaune answered.

"YAY!" Amitola cheered, causing her parents to chuckle.

'Are we going to be visiting your family this weekend?' Trivia asked her husband.

"Unfortunately, not. Something came up, and none of them would be able to make it." Jaune answered.

'That's too bad. But that just means we have more time to spend together.'

"As a family." Jaune said as he tightened his embrace on his family.

"Merry Christmas, mom and dad." Amitola said.

"Merry Christmas, dear." ***'Merry Christmas, dear.'***

"Merry Christmas, Trivia." Jaune said as he shared a kiss with his wife.

'Merry Christmas, Jaune.' Trivia signed. Smiling, they returned their attention to the movie, enjoying their time together as a family.

Notes: Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays